



## GOD IS LOVE

### ONLY LOVE

*Frederic William Farrar*

Lord and Father, great and holy!  
 Fearing naught, we come to Thee;  
 Fearing naught, though weak and lowly,  
 For Thy love has made us free.  
 By the blue sky bending o'er us,  
 By the green earth's flowery zone,  
 Teach us, Lord, the angel chorus,  
 "Thou art Love, and Love alone!"

Though the worlds in flame should perish,  
 Suns and stars in ruin fall,  
 Trust in Thee our hearts should cherish,  
 Thou to us be all in all.  
 And though heavens Thy name are praising,  
 Seraphs hymn no sweeter tone  
 Than the strains our hearts are raising,  
 "Thou art Love, and Love alone!"

*—From Poems with Power*

### THE GROUND OF

"God is love," 1 John 4:8b.

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# Notices

## Notice of Appointment

The Appointing Board of the Church of God met in conference on January 17, 1946, and accepted the resignation of E. M. Ellis from the Board of General Trustees, and appointed J. A. Muncy to fill said vacancy.

### APPOINTING BOARD,

Signed: John C. Jernigan,  
H. L. Chesser,  
E. J. Boehmer.

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This is to certify that Rev. Ernest L. Miller, former pastor of Logan, W. Va., is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God. Any minister interested in further information may get in touch with the General Overseer or Rev. J. L. Goins, state overseer of West Virginia, Box 522, Beckley, W. Va.

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I am ready for service anywhere. Anyone wishing me for a revival may write me at 1847 7th Ave., Huntington, W. Va.—Bertha H. Stewart.

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Dear Evangel readers, also readers of other Church of God papers: I am a widow doing personal work and will appreciate all your old nice papers and will distribute every one. May God bless you. Thank you.—Mrs. Clara Anglin, 3227 Edison Highway, Bakersfield, Calif.

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I am now open for evangelistic work anywhere in the United States. Because of the illness of my brother-in-law, I have not been in the work for two years. We thank those who wrote us nice letters during his sickness and death and may God bless you. Please remember my father, mother, and sister who lost her husband.—W. L. Burkett, Rt. 1, Bristol, Ga.

## DEATHS

### RUND

The death angel visited the home of Christ Rund, Van Hook, N. Dak., and claimed his eldest daughter, Mable Bessie, on October 24, 1945; age thirty-one years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Plaza, N. Dak., teacher of the Primary Class at the Epworth Sunday School, and assistant superintendent of Sunday

School at time of her passing.—Mrs. Edroy Helland, Palermo, N. Dak.

### JACKSON

Sister Minnie Jackson, a member of the Church of God at West Helena, Ark., went to be with Jesus January 11, 1946; age sixty-five years. She was the teacher of our Card Class and was faithful in the work of the Lord.—Pastor, Rev. E. Long, 226 N. 2nd St., West Helena, Ark.

### CASHATT

M. L. Cashatt, age forty-two, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Cashatt, Columbia, S. C., was killed on December 14, 1945. He leaves his wife and three children; also five sisters.—His brother-in-law, C. T. Boone.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

### PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body of arthritis; I haven't been able to walk for the past ten years.—Miss Magdalene Baker, Rt. 2, Ayden, N. C.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Estelle Dowling, 700 Society Ave., Albany, Ga.

God to undertake for my wife.—R. Lanham, Rt. 3, Bishop Ave., Media, Pa.

My children to be healed of the flu.—Mrs. Estus Davis, Rt. 1, Stepeville, Ala.

The Lord to heal me of a serious disease, which affects my nerves.—Mrs. C. O. Sloan, Woodruff, S. C.

Me to be healed of throat trouble and other things; my son who is in Italy.—Plina Fugitt, Nolan, W. Va.

Me to be healed, I have a bone out of place in my knee and the doctors say I will have to have an operation.—Miss Flora Kennedy, Rt. 5, c/o L. G. Brooks, Shelby, N. C.

The saving and healing of my sister who has had a serious operation and fears another one is needed.—Mrs. Mina Pack, 1538 Hemlock St., Louisville 11, Ky.

A mother in Baldwin, Fla., Box 53, to be healed of three cancers of the stomach; she is not able to undergo an operation.—Mrs. Willis G. Page, Box 1686, Wilmington, Del.

Me to be healed of arthritis of the spine.—Mrs. Roscoe Godwin, Ehren, Fla.

My healing of a nervous disorder with which I have been bothered for several years.—A reader of the Evangel.

The healing of my body.—M. L. Coker, Box 15, Boylston, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Maggie Campbell, Box 455, Spray, N. C.

The healing of my son's body.—Roxie Graham, 111 Kings Highway, East Alton, Ill.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Harold Starling, Lawtey, Fla.

The healing of my body; for four years I have been sick with heart trouble.—Mrs. Belle Elliott, Rt. 1, Box 31, Uree, N. C.

The healing of my body.—A friend in Christ.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders.

### 1945 VINDAGUA

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# HINDRANCES TO

By J. W. Archer

## *A Successful Life of Faith*

### DOUBT

Doubt, like the muskrat hole, will destroy the strongest dam of faith. To the Christian, who, to the best of his ability, is living above sin and is therefore not hindered in his faith life by sin, DOUBT is unquestionably the greatest hindrance to victorious faith. Doubting Thomases do not move mountains nor molehills. If you find yourself doubting the promises of God, questioning if they are yours personally, then go, as did Thomas, and get a new glimpse of the resurrected Christ, and your doubts will vanish like dew before the warming smile of the morning sun. We cannot bait our hook with doubts and expect to catch any fish, yet the vast majority of us are guilty of exactly that. The Christian highway of victorious faith is strewn with wrecked hopes, which piled up on the rocks of doubt. Thousands of Christians today are still serving the Lord, still attending church, singing in the choir, and working wherever they can, but their balloon of faith, which once sailed so full and free and indestructible, has been greatly deflated. They have punctured it with doubts until there is little faith left.

We once traveled 1,500 miles to evangelize in a state to which we knew God was calling us. We were independent evangelists. The only call we had to that state was from God. We were invited to preach in a large, independent church, which had been left somewhat shipwrecked by the former pastor having fallen in sin and left in disgrace. We preached on Wednesday. We were invited back to preach on Sunday. We were strangers to the church, but on Sunday morning God gave me a weeping spirit for that church and I felt as a shepherd who MUST gather these scattered sheep. God said, "I want you to give up your plans of evangelism for a time, and pastor this church." That Sunday night after the service, the board of seven deacons called us and asked us to pastor the church until they could get a pastor. I said, "No, I will not pastor this church until you can get a pastor, but

I tell you what we will do. We will pastor this church until God shows you and us both, that our ministry is through here." I didn't tell them that God had already spoken to us.

Six of the board members agreed; one, the leading farmer of the district, objected. He said, "Brother So and So from Arkansas has been recommended to us, and I think we ought to send for him." I said, "All right now, gentlemen, I didn't ask for this church, but God told me this morning He wants us to pastor it. I do not want you to take my word for it. I want all seven of you to be satisfied. I believe God, and am not afraid to prove Him. Now you write in the morning for that man to come and take this pastorate. Offer it to him. Invite him to come. If he comes, he's your pastor. If he does not come, I'm your pastor by the will of God." I turned to the one objector, "Are you agreed to that?" He smiled a contented agreement.

It was a rich farming district, and while we waited we visited among the homes. We found them to be a wonderful people, and a people of prayer. They said, "Brother and Sister Archer, for three months we have been praying in our cellars, in our church, and in our homes, 'God you send us the pastor YOU want us to have, not one of our own choosing.' Oh, Brother and Sister Archer, we DO hope that other man does not come." I said, "Don't worry. He's not coming. God has already spoken to us, and if that man cannot hear the voice of God, God will wreck a train, if needs be, to keep him from getting here." Needless to say, the fifth day a wire was received stating that he could not come. There was great rejoicing in the camp.

We pastored that church two years, and the whole surrounding country and communities were stirred and evangelized. It was two of the most pleasant years of our experience. BUT, before the promise and call of God was completed, we had to take a test of faith, without wavering or doubt.

Let us review once more the scriptures on this all-important subject.

Jesus had cursed the fig tree. The next morning, as they passed by once more, the apostles were astonished to find the tree dried up at the roots. And Jesus answered them (Mark 11: 22-25) and said, "HAVE FAITH IN GOD. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; AND SHALL NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART, but shall BELIEVE that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire when ye pray, BELIEVE that ye receive them, and ye SHALL have them."

Now these are very, very strong and positive statements, and they are voiced by the Son of God. They are not to be, and CANNOT be, passed over lightly. It is a promise by One who is bound by His very exalted place, to keep every promise He ever made. But the promise is conditional, and that's where we fail. We must not doubt!

Dwight L. Moody, in illustrating faith before a huge audience, one night took out his valuable gold watch, and announced to the throng of boys on the front benches that he would give his watch to the first boy who came after it. There was not a wild scramble. They all sat and grinned sheepishly. They thought there was a catch in it somewhere. Finally one boy rose timidly and advanced. He stuck out his hand and Moody gave him the watch. The other boys were dumbfounded, and very much chagrined that they had not gone after the watch. They all had the same chance, but all but one doubted. The one got the watch. Every now and then one of our number takes God at His word, and nothing doubting, launches out in faith. Soon he is towering head and shoulders above the rest of us as a pastor or evangelist, or overseer, and we wonder, and sometimes envy, and wish that somehow we could have the success he is having. But we all had the same chance. We were all sitting on the front bench while God held

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# RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

## Railroads and Drink

Representative Sam M. Russell of Texas has introduced a bill to make the railroads financially responsible for the activities of intoxicated persons while riding on trains, at the request of the Texas Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

## K Rations

Soldiers complained that "K" rations hurt their stomachs and that they could not long endure on them. This is also true of cold, condensed Christians who are all profession without the essential Christian vitamins of love, joy, and peace. People who are dependent on this kind of Christians can but wither away and die for lack of spiritual nourishment.

## New Seminary in Leningrad

A new theological seminary is reported to have opened in Leningrad with an enrollment of sixteen students, according to RNS.

## Japanese Dope

Gen. MacArthur is reported to have choked off about 90 per cent of the dope supply made by the Japanese.

## Czechoslovakia

A major political crisis has developed in Czechoslovakia over the introduction of a Communist-supported bill to confiscate Roman Catholic parochial and other private schools. Student Christian Movement is launching an effort to win the youth of the country to Christ.

## European Refugees

Time reports that "more than 20,000,000 desperate and homeless people are now milling east and west, north and south, across the continent." In Poland, 800,000 are reported to be living in holes in the ground and in dugouts. Congress has been asked to appropriate \$1,350,000,000 for relief.

## Sanctification

in Old Testament times, meant a setting apart for sacred, or divine purposes. It implied that the thing, whatever it was being so set apart, whether house, land, thing, or person, was set aside for holy purposes. It was unlaw-

ful to use such things or persons for other purposes than designated in the setting apart of such unto the Lord. Sanctification can mean no less today. Persons claiming to be sanctified, or actually sanctified, give evidence of that setting apart, by living godly and holy lives. A life of holiness is the outworking of an inward heart purity. Persons having an experience of holiness or sanctification cannot live like the world and retain such an experience. Such a life is possible, desirable, and beautiful.

## France and Booze

The National Prohibitionist states that, according to Dr. Paul Dauphin, of Arles, at the 22nd Congress of Alcoholism, held at Helsinki, Finland, "France is the largest consumer of alcohol in the world." He reported that France had 300,000 distilleries and 500,000 drink shops. With an increasing stage of insanity 50 to 60 were held to be caused by alcohol.

## Jews Revive Synagogues

According to Bible Research Monthly, "Emaciated old men and women, the sole survivors of German Jewry, gathered in the synagogues here, in Frankfurt and other centers, for the first overt Rosh Hashanah services in Germany in many years. In Berlin services were held in the reconstructed wing of a war-damaged synagogue in the Kreuzberg section, with some 400 worshippers present, all of them ill and debilitated, with a sprinkling of American-Jewish soldiers—the only young and robust persons in the audience."

October Jewish Missionary Magazine reported concerning the Jewish situation that "only 365 Jews were left in Frankfurt." At one time the population of Jews had reached 31,000.

## Archaeology

The S. S. Times, commenting on Exod. 1:11, states that, "One of the tasks imposed on the Israelites by the Egyptians was the making of bricks for the construction of the treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses (Exod. 1:11). Several years ago (1883), the Swiss archaeologist Naville examined a site in northern Egypt called Tell el Maskhuta, and found inscriptions

there bearing the word Pi-tum, meaning 'House of the god Tum.' Since the name Pi-tum is apparently equivalent with the Pithom mentioned in the Bible, Naville identified the site of Tell el Maskhuta as one of the treasure cities built by the Israelites. In excavating the city, he found that some of the bricks were made without straw."

## Opportunity in Japan

Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, of New York, secretary of the Department of International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council of Churches, and his associates who accompanied him to Japan for the purpose of making a survey of the religious outlook of Japan, reported that, "Japan is ripe for Christianity. (The churchmen, however, discouraged individual contributions toward the rehabilitation of the defeated people; this was a matter, they said, 'between the two governments.') Shintoism will 'wither' without the support through propaganda channels it enjoyed previously, and Buddhism has lost many of its followers. Christianity, although persecuted by the military during World War II, has gained many adherents and is an obvious answer to the search for a new faith. Japanese Christians told the religious delegation they needed 'prayers, Bibles and missionaries,' but wished no food."

Here is something very definite for which Christians of the U.S.A. can praise God—and act upon.

**Mexican Presidential Candidate** has promised if elected to the presidency of Mexico that "he will respect all religious beliefs."

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# The Christian Life



Acts 11:26

By Flora Rutledge



The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. As we think of Christians, let us take the different phases that begin with the letter "c." There are many phases in our lives as Christians that start with the letter "c." First, we are a "chosen people" or the Christian life is a "chosen life." We find that in our experience as a Christian, by reading God's Word, we are a chosen people of God set apart to do His will and His work among the unsaved people. We were once sinners and partakers of the evil way, but when we became conscious of our sins, repented, and accepted Christ as our Savior, we became members of God's family by regeneration. We became aware that God has chosen us as yielded to work for Him. It is not God's will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. Few people today, compared to the millions, know anything about God's love for them. They don't realize that they, too, can be God's chosen ones if they would only accept and believe on Him. God says, "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you, to bring forth fruit."

People who don't want to accept Him, say, "If I'm one of His chosen ones, I'll be saved anyway, no matter what I do." That's not what God means. He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open to me, I will come in and sup with him and he with me." Christ is not going to make us become Christians, but we must be willing for Him to save us before we can become one of His, or His chosen vessel. In John 15:16 He says He has chosen us to bring forth fruit or to live a life so that others may be led to Him through us, also that others may know that we are Christians. He says in Acts 9:15, that He has chosen us to preach Christ. Preach to whom? To the lost world. Someone may say,

"I can't preach. He need not choose me." But, if we are true Christians, we are all preachers. We may not be the ministers; but if we are true to Him, our daily lives preach for Him. We may say a word to someone and cause him to accept Christ, or pray for someone, or we may be the chosen one to live a good life. As we know, our lives count most in winning souls for Christ. We either have an influence for good or evil. God help us as His chosen ones to choose the good part.

In 1 Peter we find that we are a precious people, a chosen generation and a peculiar people. God has chosen us from darkness unto light. Some people class Christians as peculiar, and we are supposed to be so to them, because the world cannot understand us. We are supposed to be separated from them (the world), and not partakers of their worldly pleasures, but partakers of the divine nature. In Eph. 1:4, we find that we are a chosen people, to be holy and without blame. It takes a good, clean life, one of prayer and consecration and denial of many things, to keep us holy in these days of darkness when sin is in so many lives. We must be without sin to be holy, for the Bible says no sin can enter heaven.

In our next phase we find a "changed life." When we are saved by God's grace we are a changed people. We are changed as told by Paul in 1 Cor. 5:7. He says, "Behold old things have passed away, and all things have become new." Therefore, we are a new creature in Christ Jesus. In another scripture we find, "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren" (and sisters). We know by these scriptures that when the sinful soul is regenerated or born of the Spirit, the whole nature is changed. We love the things we once hated and hate the things we once loved. We love the church and spiritual things, whereas we loved the things of the world. We are not changed or saved by good works or reformation or morality, but by the grace of God. Our good works or deeds won't change our hearts or regenerate our souls, but Christ only

can change and save us, give us a new nature, and make us a new creature in Christ Jesus. Since the beginning of time there has been no other way or there is now no other way or name under heaven given among men whereby we may be saved, except the precious name of Jesus.

Next we are a "cleansed people," because we are washed in the blood of the Lamb. Christ shed His blood on Calvary's cross to cleanse us from all sin. All sin means *all*, not just part. Many people say we cannot live today without sinning a little, more or less, every day, which is very contrary to God's teaching. They try to justify themselves with the scripture that says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." But that scripture means that we were all born in sin, and until we have the blood applied we are sinners. Christ was the only person who knew no sin. In one scripture we find that whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for His seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin. However, this does not apply to so-called preachers today who say, "Once saved always saved." If we are really born of God, regenerated, and cleansed by His blood, we will not have any desire to sin and we WILL NOT SIN unless overtaken in a fault. If we die in sin we will not meet God in peace, so that is why we should be cleansed from the Adamic nature.

We find in 1 Cor. 6:11 that we are sanctified or cleansed by the Spirit; in Rom. 5:16, by the Holy Ghost or the Holy Spirit, which is the same person. Eph. 5:26, 27, says we must be a cleansed church, without spot or wrinkle, if we meet Christ. Heb. 13:12 says that Christ might sanctify us with His blood, He suffered without the gate. So we can see by these scriptures and others that we must be a sanctified people, or rather it is God's will.

Next is a "charged life." There are several definitions for "charged" but we want to use the adjective "charged" as being filled or charged with power. We know that when an electric wire is charged with electricity, the power goes through the wires to the different electric appliances and causes them to give forth their services to man. So are we when we are charged or filled with the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. We have power to go forth and do God's will here on earth. In Acts 1:8 we see that we receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come

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# What Edith Learned

By Chester Shuler

A rather interesting conversation was overheard on the bus some time ago. Two ladies were speaking. Said one:

"I notice you've been reading a bit from the New Testament, Mary."

"Yes," said the other, looking up from the little Book, with a bright smile. "I always carry a copy in my handbag and snatch a bit of soul food whenever possible."

"Pardon this question, Mary. But tell me, do you really find the Bible interesting reading matter?"

"Indeed I do, Edith! Very interesting."

The other smiled a bit woefully. "I—Do you know, I wish that I could say the same? I know that I ought to read it more, for I'm a church member and I go to Sunday School regularly, but actually it's about the most uninteresting reading matter I can pick up. I dislike to make this confession, but it's the honest truth."

Mary was thoughtful as she answered, "I think I can fully realize what you mean, Edith. It used to be something like that with me, too. It was not always interesting."

"No? Then would you mind telling me what caused the change?"

Mary hesitated. "I don't mind telling you, Edith—if you wish to know. Before I was 'born again'—a term which, as you know, is often used in place of 'conversion'—the Bible was dull reading for me. In fact, when I did read it at all, it was from a sense of duty, or because my mother wanted me to do so, but not because I actually enjoyed the messages of the Book."

"I—I see. And now since you have been er—as you put it, 'born again,' the Bible is really interesting? Is that it?"

"That's right, Edith. I—I hope I have made it clear. It is a bit difficult to speak of, really, and—"

Edith was thinking. "Do you know, I have often wondered why it is that so few persons of my acquaintance seem to read the Bible as though they like to do it . . . or as they read a novel or magazine. Now as to this 'being born again,' I'm not so certain I understand about that, Mary. You see—we—our church doesn't teach

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"Within that awful volume lies  
The mystery of mysteries.  
Happiest they of human race  
To whom their God has given grace  
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,  
To lift the latch, and force the way;  
And better had they ne'er been born  
Who read to doubt, or read to scorn."  
—SCOTT.

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about such things. I recall reading something about it in the New Testament . . . maybe—maybe that's why I do not like to read the Bible very well, Mary!"

Mary didn't reply at once. "The Word does mention the new birth, very definitely. In the third chapter of St. John's Gospel, Jesus Himself is recorded as saying to Nicodemus—but wait, let me show it to you in the Book itself . . ." She took up the New Testament and turned deftly to John 3. "Here it is, see? 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God . . .' There is more. You can read it if you wish—"

"And do you think that means that he cannot 'see' the kingdom of God in the Bible, or cannot 'see' things correctly if he is not 'born again'?" Edith asked the words eagerly.

"I suppose it could mean that, dear, though I hadn't just thought of it in that way before. Personally, I have never found God's Word uninteresting since I have given my heart to Him. It is my Guide Book, and since each day seems to bring up so many puzzling situations in connection with my Christian life, it seems I am always being driven to the Bible for light and help. I really cannot quite understand how or why any saved person can help loving the Word."

"It does seem rather strange, I'll admit," Edith answered, thoughtfully. "Now I'm a member of a church, and yet it so happens that I am not often even urged to read the Bible. I go to services on Sunday and of course I hear the preacher read passages from it, and in Sunday School I read the portion given for the lesson, but beyond that I am seldom asked or even reminded to read further. Life seems so full, so busy, that it's just crowded out, I suppose."

"Edith, when I sought salvation from sin and death and eternal destruction, and have found that salvation in Christ Jesus, my heart has been filled with love and gratitude to Him. I truly love my Lord. He is a very real person to me. I desire to know more about Him, and how I can better please Him. As far as I have ever been able to learn, the Bible is the only place I can get such information and guidance. I read it for information, edification, guidance, and withal, for pleasure. It so happens that our minister loves the Word and urges all of us to read and study it . . . for which I'm very grateful. And so, you see, I find it very interesting and also very helpful reading."

"I see. Well, that sounds quite all right. I'm just sorry it isn't true of myself as yet. I hope it will be true some time. But tell me, Mary—how can you understand what you read? With the exception of some Old Testament stories, and certain portions of the New Testament, such as Acts, I find it difficult to get much 'sense' from what I do read. Of course, I'm not highly educated, I've never been to college, and—"

Mary smiled. "I understand what you mean, Edith. I used to have much the same difficulty. But now I depend on the third Person of the Trinity—the Holy Spirit—to help me, and to open my eyes that I may see the truths of the Word. That is one office of the Spirit, to guide, comfort, and teach. I always ask His guidance before I read the Book."

"You speak of the Spirit as a Person. That is new to me. I've always thought of the Spirit as—well, just a spirit—something intangible, indefinable, perhaps."

"Many folks make that error. But He is a Person, just as Jesus is a Person. I once heard a minister say that a true definition of the term 'Holy Spirit,' or . . ." Mary was thumbing her Testament rapidly. "... here it is, John 14:26, Jesus is speaking . . . 'But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you . . .' You see, in this verse the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit, is called the 'Comforter.' I once heard a preacher explain that another translation for the word 'Comforter' would be 'one called alongside to help.' I like to think of the Spirit in that  
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# The Mystery of . . .

## The Godhead - or Trinity

By E. C. Pennington

(Continued from January 12 issue)

The Jews would acknowledge God but would not claim Jesus Christ as His Son, and here we have some that will acknowledge Jesus but won't have His Father. 1 John 4:12, "No man hath seen God at any time." They saw Jesus. How was He God then? The first verse says, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." How are you going to try them? The next verse tells us how we can know. "Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God." I thought some said He was God? Listen, when we deny that Jesus came in the flesh, we automatically deny the virgin birth of Christ, if we say He is God. It is a serious thing with me, and should be with everyone. 1 John 5:9, "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater." Don't you think it is? Then, if we can believe men, why not believe God? What is the witness of God? Read the rest of the 9th verse, "For this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son." V. 10. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." I want to ask you a question and this question is what 1 John 5:5 asks, "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

There are many, yes, many more scriptures that plainly tell us and show us the difference between the Father and His Son. St. John 5:43 says, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." I ask, Does this mean that the Father's name was Jesus? The New Light Issue says it does. That is the way they explain Matt. 28:20. If I am working for a firm, and they send me out on business, for me to go in their name does not mean that I have the same name

as the firm that sent me. It only means that I went not to promote my interest, but the interest of the firm that sent me. I will illustrate it this way (and I know that he won't care for my using his name here, for W. Lee O'Daniel and I are personal friends): When W. Lee O'Daniel went to Washington as senator of Texas, or in the name of Texas, did that mean that the name of Texas was W. Lee O'Daniel? or vice versa? It only meant that the senator is a legal representative of Texas.

There is one more scripture I want to call attention to, then we will take up the personality of the Holy Ghost. 2 John 9, "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

### THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY GHOST

The Anti-Trinitarians claim that the Holy Ghost is merely an expression of divine energy, or religious influence. Anyone that will be honest with himself will acknowledge that from reading the Bible and history, the prevailing doctrine of the early church has been that the Holy Ghost is a person, separate and distinct from the Father and the Son.

If anyone will read with this thought in view, he will see plainly that the Scriptures which ascribe personality to the Father and the Son, ascribe equally personality to the Holy Ghost. The first scripture we want to call attention to in regard to the personality of the Holy Ghost, is found in Matt. 3:16, 17, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Anyone can see clearly that the personality of each member of the Trinity is shown in this scripture.

The next scripture I want to call attention to, that plainly shows the personality of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, is found in St. John 14:

16, and it is that scripture I read so much when seeking and tarrying for the Holy Ghost: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter . . . Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him." How can there be an influence without a person? We have the pronouns "He and Him." In the 26th verse we are told that the Comforter and Spirit of truth is the Holy Ghost. "He shall not speak of Himself, but whatsoever things he heareth, that shall he speak, and will show you things to come." Who could doubt such statements as that? How could He speak and show us things to come, if the Holy Ghost wasn't a Person? Just remember what a person is and consists of.

Will you please read the 16th chapter of St. John, beginning at the 7th verse on through the 14th verse. John 15:26 tells us that He (the Holy Ghost) will testify of Jesus. Luke 12:10 tells us, "And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven." So if Jesus and the Holy Ghost are the same, the Apostle Peter didn't know what he was talking about when he said, "Prophecy came not in the old time by the will of man: but holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," 2 Peter 1:21.

I want to say here in regards to Jesus, and it is these little simple truths the reason I wasn't led off with the New Light Issue: They say that the name of God is Jesus, and the Holy Ghost is Jesus. The Holy Ghost is mentioned as being before Jesus in the scripture we have just quoted—2 Peter 1:21—then if Jesus is the name of God, it is strange to me that His name isn't mentioned in the Old Testament. Then He changed His name. No, brother, Mal. 3:6 says He changes not. The old devil can set traps, and that is what he did when he started the New Light Issue; but he very often gets caught in his own trap, and if I must say it, he is bound with this, trying to prove that God the Father and the Holy Ghost is Jesus. They are people that never study the Bible, but when one of them comes around they have a great line, and to the natural it sounds good, but is not logical.

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# Man Created To Serve

By Mrs. Margie Francis

We find from reading this verse that we have a master. It is just intended that man should serve. God created us to serve Him but it is a sad thing when we have to come to the conclusion that there are so many who are the servants of that old serpent, the devil.

Adam and Eve served God until the serpent beguiled Eve and she and Adam ate of the forbidden fruit. Then they became the servants of unrighteousness. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

The enemy of our souls will try to tell us that it is too hard to serve God and that it is too hard to live a Christian life, but that is just one of his tricks to get men and women to serve him. He knows that if he can bind them and get them to do the ungodly things, that he will destroy their souls. Friends, let us realize that the devil is real and that he is against anything pertaining to God. We Christians need to be on the lookout at all times. We need to pray daily and die daily to the things of this world. One of the devil's best tricks is to hinder the Christian from praying. Our prayers are the keynote to heaven and we are going to have to press our way in to the glory land. If you are serving God, be sure not to neglect your prayer life. Prayer is the best way I know to serve God. Praise the Lord! When I speak of prayer, I don't mean just getting down with the members of our family and saying a few words; but we need to slip away, enter into our closet, and pray through until we reach the throne every day. It is good to have concert prayer and there is a blessing received from it, but if you want a real blessing from God, just try laying aside the cares of life, kneeling in secret before God, and praying an effectual, fervent prayer. You will find it is a strengthening source by which we can overcome the devil.

Sinner, if you are at the crossroads and are trying to make a decision which way to go or whom you want to

you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin," John 8:34.

Let us suppose that you have been offered two different jobs or positions. One job offers pretty good pay for the present but offers no advance in pay and does not promise any for the future. The other job does not of-

Rom. 6:16, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness."

serve, just ask yourself the question, What will I gain by choosing God? You know God does give us the privilege to choose whom we will serve, and, if you choose Him, the gain will be an eternal home in heaven where you shall never die, and you can be with Jesus there to enjoy the things He has gone to prepare for you. On the other hand, if you choose Satan, you may have a pretty fair time down here in this life but the end will be eternal death for you. You may say, "Oh! but I just won't make a choice at all." Let me say that when you reject the Son of God and refuse to serve Him, you are choosing the devil. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto

fer quite as much pay to begin with but offers higher pay and advancement later on. You would be likely to choose the job with the future, would you not? Well, what the devil has to offer you is like the job without a future. You may have what some call a good time for a season but the things of this life will pass away and you will be lost. What Jesus has to offer is like the job with a future, where you are promised the advancement from a troublesome world to a home in glory. Praise the Lord!

Won't you choose this day whom you will serve, and say as Joshua did, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," Joshua 24:15.

## NICE PARSONAGE AT GRIFFIN, GEORGIA



God has wonderfully blessed us at Griffin, Ga. He has given us a nice seven-room parsonage, with two baths (one for the pastor and family and one for the evangelist), gas heat, and a double garage. It has a 145-foot back and is located two blocks from town, two blocks from the church, and in the quietest part of town. It is valued at \$6,000. We have already added \$1,600 worth of improvements to the church and are doing more.—C. H. Chambley, pastor, 131 W. Tensley Street, Griffin, Ga.



# An Invitation to Sinners

By Mrs. Opal Capell

*"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isaiah 55:1.*

What an invitation: God's offer of free salvation. I know of no other verse of scripture that touches my heart more or makes me feel more like shouting. Just think, it is free! You need no money. It is without price, so it includes everybody—poor or rich. The man that owns this entire earth and the fullness thereof made it possible. There is not enough money in the world to buy one drop of this precious water. The Son of God has bought it for you and me to partake of freely if we will. He paid for it with His lifeblood. He made the supreme sacrifice for us to enjoy it.

Zech. 14:8 says, "And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be." Friends, that means it is there all the time waiting for you to accept it. Just think of the many people who are dying of thirst; rushing blindly right on past the precious fountain of living water, the devil keeping their eyes blinded so they can't see. But oh, if they would only stop a minute and think and listen to the Holy Spirit who is trying to work in their lives, the scales would fall from their eyes and they would see a wonderful fountain of water and Jesus the host waiting to serve them; yes, waiting and pleading for you to come and drink freely, without money. "Ho," He is calling you, "come ye to the waters and buy without money; come, buy wine and milk without price." It is a standing invitation. John 7:37b, 38, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

Do you remember how the woman of Samaria was to get that living water? She had come down to the well to get water to drink. I guess she was hot and thirsty and wanted to get back, but, oh, she found something far more important than mere water. She said unto Him, "Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the

well is deep. From whence then hast thou that living water?" Jesus answered and said unto her, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said, "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw." What a wise woman she was to realize she needed the water Jesus was speaking of more than the other. Would that we had more people that wanted God. This is an awful age in which we are living. Things are getting worse and worse and yet people are running from God. If they only knew what they are missing.

God's milk and wine are living water. And you will know when that living water starts bubbling in your

soul and others will know it, too. In Psalm 36:8 David said, "They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures." It is a glorious and pleasant experience, but you must be thirsty to receive it. Just cry out from your heart like David did, "O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee. My flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land where no water is," and I assure you something will happen. You will feel that living water start bubbling in your soul and will feel like saying, "My heart is fixed. O my God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever. I will trust in the covert of thy wings." Remember these words, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," Rev. 22:17.

Sinner, why don't you accept the greatest invitation that has ever or ever will be offered to you?

## PARSONAGE AT ALBANY, GEORGIA



Of all the good things that God have bestowed upon the Church of God in Albany, Ga., there has been nothing so great as the success of building this nice parsonage. It cost \$4,100 and is paid for, most of the money being raised this year. Brother J. L. Ball, pastor, is due much of the credit for this accomplishment, together with the faithful members and friends. On November 18 we had the pleasure of burning all the notes on the property. We had our General Overseer, Brother Jernigan, with us. He delivered the morning message, which was very inspiring. Brother Beaube, our state overseer, delivered the dedicatory message, which will never be forgotten. Thank God for a church where the people have a mind to work. Pray that this spirit will remain so we may do greater things for God.

# B. T. S. Speaks . . .

## Ministerial Association of B.T.S.

The Ministerial Association has begun a new year in which each member hopes to establish a firmer foundation and to let his light shine more for God than ever before. The chief aim of the Ministerial Association of B. T. S. is to promote greater fellowship among the student ministers of the school and to derive from such ministerial associations benefits and blessings which will improve the quality and efficiency of its members.

The officers of the association are the following: Edwin Wooden, president; Garland Griffis, vice-president; Ruby Boutwell, secretary; Derhl Dority, treasurer, and Cecil Knight, chaplain.

It is the prayer of each and every member of this association to make this year the best B. T. S. has ever known. The greatest year is a year *all out for God!*—Ruby Boutwell.

## Revival in Sevierville

*"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation,"* 2 Cor. 6:2b.

Yes, praise the Lord, the revival days are not over by any means! If it had been possible for each of you readers to attend the local Church of God here in Sevierville this past week, I am sure you would have received a great blessing from God.

Perhaps you would be interested to know a little of the conditions of the church and just why a revival was felt necessary. In 1945 Brother Taylor and his faithful few members, with the help of others, erected a nice new brick building, located near B. T. S. Due to war conditions and high prices, the building program has been a little slow, but at present the church is almost completed. The people here are very thankful for this. The church debt is still heavy and much hard work is to be done yet.

The purpose of building a new church was to give the Bible School students a place for worship and to accommodate the public; the old church building was not adequate and too far from the school.

Brother Roberson, of Cleveland, Tennessee, who was dean of the boys, has been appointed to take over the pastoral work. He plans to render his

entire time to the work and has the church at heart.

Now, I shall tell you more about the good revival which started last Sunday night, January 6, and is to close, the Lord willing, tonight. Brother Bauchman, Brother Herman Clark, and Brother Roberson, Bible School students, did the preaching. Their sermons were soul-stirring and anointed of God. Special singing by quartets and trios was enjoyed. Five precious souls were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Ghost. The one who received the Baptism was a young man who said he had attended the theater the night before and was miserable while there and the remainder of the night could not rest. He came to service and prayed through to the Holy Ghost. Surely, all of the many efforts and prayers are not in vain. Thank God for these souls. The attendance has been good and there were 189 in Sunday School this morning. Evangelist Alton Edenfield is expected in February for another great revival. Pray much for the work here and may the Lord richly bless each of you.—Mary Alice White.

## Burlington Revival

Rev. Alton Edenfield, evangelist, and his co-worker, James Cooper, are conducting a revival at the Burlington Church of God in Knoxville, Tennessee. This revival has been in progress about two or three weeks and many souls are being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. The altars are overflowing each night with souls seeking their Savior. The B. T. S. quartets and trios attend when possible and render very beautiful songs to the large crowds attending. Saturday night, January 12, was the climax of the revival. Among the special visitors were our General Overseer, Rev. John C. Jernigan, and Rev. E. L. Simmons, President of B. T. S. There were also a number of B. T. S. students and faculty members present. The Crusaders Quartet, with Brother LeRoy Carver, and the Victory Four Quartet from B. T. S. sang two selections each. Also present was the Boys' String Band from Bible School.

Rev. Edenfield is an ex-soldier and was wounded in World War II. He is a great man of God and has led many souls to the Lord. Brother Cooper is

an ex-student of B. T. S. and is making a wonderful start on the field for the Lord. He and Brother Edenfield sing and Brother Cooper plays the guitar in each service. They plan to begin a revival at the local church in Sevierville when the revival closes in Knoxville.—Ruth Kee.

## Veterans' Gospel Band

Greetings in Jesus' name. I represent the Veterans' Gospel Band. This is an organization composed of ex-service men of World War II in B. T. S., whose chief aim is to see God's work grow.

First, we have street service each Saturday in Sevierville, Tenn., and plan to work in other sections of this locality when we get adequate transportation.

Second, we accept requests and pray God's blessings upon them, ourselves, the school, and others.

We gathered together on December 6, 1945, in regular prayer service. God blessed in a glorious way. One of the brothers in our midst suggested that there be an offering taken in order to help students here in school who do not have sufficient funds to pay for their room, board, tuition, and other necessary expenses. Our group thought it good to adopt the suggestion. It seemed that there was no limit to God's blessings on each one present that night. The offering amounted to about \$550, with different ones giving watches, rings, brooches, and other jewelry. We have some of this jewelry on hand now.

Anyone desiring to help us in our endeavor may send such amounts to Lonnie Dooley, secretary.

## REVIVAL

GRiffin, Ga.—We have had a great revival at the church at Griffin, Ga. We have just ended our seventh week. The revival was closed for a week, but it has started again. God is surely blessing. We had Sister Ann Brown with us for two weeks. She is a wonderful preacher. There were thirty-five saved, thirty sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-one added to the church. We have added \$1,600 to the church, and are doing more.—C. H. Chambley, pastor, 131 W. Tensley St., Griffin, Ga.

"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him," Col. 3:17.

# ◆ REVIVALS ◆

**WEST ASHEVILLE, N. C.**—We have come to the close of a four weeks' revival at the West Asheville church.

How thankful we are that God has seen fit to visit in our midst with a mighty outpouring of His Spirit. Surely, surely we can say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad," Psa. 126:3.

It would be impossible to tell the innumerable ways in which God blessed so wonderfully from night to night. There were sixteen saved, thirteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and fifteen added to the church. What a wonderful time of rejoicing we had as those precious souls prayed through to a definite experience with God.

Some nights the windows of heaven were thrown open wide and God poured out such wonderful blessings upon us that we shouted, prayed, cried, and praised God for His goodness and mercy toward us. Oh, how much a child of God has for which to be thankful!

The revival gave our young people a boost and they have gone to work as never before. Twice our Sunday attendance exceeded all past records, and the Y.P.E. is going forward in its work with more interest than ever.

We would not forget our evangelist, Sister Minnie Hillhouse. We feel sure God has sent her our way. We are confident that it was through her untiring efforts, endless prayer, and intercession with us, that God has seen fit to bless in such a miraculous way. How our souls were blessed from night to night, as she preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and how graciously her messages were received by all. We are so thankful Sister Hillhouse came.

The far-reaching effects of the revival will probably never be known. But as a whole, the church has been drawn together in a spirit of love, unity, and fellowship. How we do praise God for what He has wrought in our midst! Surely God "hath raised us up together, and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," Eph. 2:6. Praise His wonderful name!

How thankful we are for our pastor,

Rev. P. W. Chesser. What a blessing he and his good wife have been to us individually and to the church as a whole. Since they have been with us everyone has learned to love and appreciate the spirit in which they work with us and for us in every way possible.

Don't forget to pray for us at West Asheville, N. C.—Mrs. Virginia Elkins, West Asheville, N. C.

**LEXINGTON, Tenn.**—A two weeks' revival has just closed here, with three saved and two sanctified. The evangelists were Rev. Orville Simpson, of Daisy, Tenn., and Rev. Joe West, of Chattanooga. These young men of God are not afraid to declare the whole counsel of God. This is a new field; the enemy has to be fought by prayer and the Sword of the Spirit. Please pray for this place, that we will receive an outpouring of the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Ed. Jones.

**BRUNSWICK, N. C.**—We closed a three weeks' revival here on December 16, with Sister Katie Tucker, of 411 S. Maple Street, Columbia, S. C., as the evangelist. The results were one saved, two sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints were greatly revived. The weather was extremely bad.

Brother Vance, our pastor, was here several times, and our district pastor, Brother V. D. Combs, brought a wonderful message. We also had two additions to the church.

Anyone needing a good evangelist would do well to contact Sister Tucker. She is a real child of God and is out for souls.

We are badly in need of a building. Pray much for us, that we may please God.—Mrs. E. V. Powers, clerk.

**TOWNS, Ga.**—We truly praise God for another old-time, Holy-Ghost revival just closed at Central Grove Church of God. Rev. W. M. Hubbard, the evangelist, surely did some good old-fashioned preaching. Eight were saved, five sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. Many nights the Holy Ghost took charge. The church was edified and the community was

stirred. We praise God for Brother Hubbard and pray that God will send him back our way soon.—The pastor, Clayton Towns.

Truly we praise God for the way He blessed in a revival at Vaughan's Chapel Church of God conducted by Brother Hildra Hullett. The Lord was with us from the first service, sending a mighty outpouring of His power. We enjoyed the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost each night for two weeks. One was reclaimed, three saved, two sanctified, and many hearts blessed.—Pastor, Clayton Towns.

**LIVE OAK, Fla.**—We feel like the prophet of old when he said, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

Truly we can say this from the depth of our heart this morning. After having the victory here for years, we were left some time in May without a pastor, and I believe were the most discouraged band of people I ever saw; but Brother Bud Braddox and wife were sent to us to finish out the year, and we want to say right here that they are a blessing to all with whom they come in contact. God saw fit to send them to another place, but sent us for this year as our pastor, Brother Lawson Culpepper. Brother Culpepper, wife and daughter are very humble and consecrated people of God and although they have been here less than three months, they have already been a greater blessing to us than we will ever be able to tell. Brother Culpepper is a wonderful preacher and not only that, but he really practices what he preaches.

We have just closed a wonderful revival with Brother Culpepper doing most of the preaching. We were favored with about three sermons from our district pastor, Brother Ellis Chesser, which we enjoyed very much. There were times that God would come down in our midst, and it seemed that heaven had come and kissed the earth. There was dancing, shouting and rejoicing as the Holy Ghost would make the altar call. We do praise God for all this for we know it was just an answer to prayer. We don't know every time just what or whom we need, but God always knows our need. Luke 18:7 says, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" Thank God for His wonderful promises.

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# Reports from the Field

## Attention, Please!

**HOT SPRINGS, New Mexico.**—I have a very peculiar request to place before you. I am this year pastoring the church at Hot Springs, and although the church had at one time been a fairly good church, it is, I suppose, the least of all churches in New Mexico (a state of small churches). Hot Springs is a fast growing town and only recently became a city. We have only five members who live here and attend church. They are good and very faithful. But we are up against a proposition. Our church is in the downtown district, where the transient may find it easy, and they do. But the families who live here, all seem to be unaware that we are here. There are three scattered sections of resident families, home owners, and although I visited ninety homes last month, and in all, since I came here in September, I've visited one hundred and sixty-six homes; yet I've been unable to make any noticeable increase in our Sunday School. We have a much larger Bible Class than the other classes, in proportion.

Now, here's what I want to do. I want a gospel tent, to pitch in each of these different sections of town, as soon as spring comes, and hold a meeting in each one, and see if I can't do something about evangelizing this town, introducing the Church of God to them. Then, when it is over, there are towns, small and large, for two hundred miles in almost every direction without a church. This is the only church in this whole section of the State. Oh, how it makes my heart ache! I've got to do something about it! I can't get an evangelist to come and do it for me for we couldn't promise him anything. But by God's help I'm going to get to part of them this year. There are two things I need to be equipped as I feel God would have me be; a good-sized tent, (preferably 40x60 or larger) and a good loud-speaker set with records and a record player, and equipment to use on a car. If you have such an outfit or know of someone who does, who would sell it very reasonably, or better still felt like you'd like to give God that much, please write me at once.

May the dear Lord bless you and help you to see the whitened harvest

fields of southwestern New Mexico as I have seen them, and may you too feel that you must do something about it. Anyone who would like to contact me may do so at the address below.—Mrs. Fannie S. Foshee, 114 Austin St., Hot Springs, New Mexico.

## Grateful for B.T.S. at Spokane

Dear Evangel Readers: I truly praise the Lord for the privilege I have of attending B.T.S. at Spokane, Washington. We students are as one big family. I also thank the Lord for our teachers, Brother and Sister E. E. Coleman. They are good teachers and have their hearts in their work. They put forth every effort to see that our personal needs are taken care of, as well as our spiritual needs.

I would like to say a word about our cook and dean, Brother and Sister George Broome. They are like a mother and father to us.

I wish those who can would come to visit the school and especially our chapel services. We have a good time in the Lord, singing, praying, and testifying.

We are asking that you remember us in your prayers.—Emeline McDougal, Route 5, Box 11, Salem, Oregon.

## Selma, Ala., News

**SELMA, Ala.**—I thank God for His many blessings; He has so wonderfully blessed our work here in the past fourteen months. Wife and I came here last October a year ago. We started a revival. The Lord began to bless; the devil started to work. Five were saved the first week. My throat got in such a bad shape that I couldn't preach, so Brother Dock Judah came and preached a few nights. We had a wonderful time while he was here.

Brother N. T. Forehand came in February for a revival. He surely did some good preaching and several were saved. He made up money to buy the pastor a suit of clothes. Later Brother Orange came for a meeting. We had a very good revival. Brother Johns came later and some found the Lord, some received the Holy Ghost. Later Brother Ledbetter, of Mississippi came to our rescue. We had a glorious revival, several received the blessing. I

think nine came into the church. Brother Ledbetter is surely a fine, consecrated man. Brother A. W. Mills has just closed a revival with good success. He is known all over the state. He lost his eyes in a blast while working in the mines near Birmingham. He did some of the best preaching on prophecy I almost ever heard. If you believe because he is blind he cannot preach, give him a chance in your pulpit. He will prove a blessing to your church. One night as we were singing a precious man came rushing to the altar and the Lord saved him. He left his tobacco on the altar and we all rejoiced with him.

We had all-day service and dinner the fourth Sunday in October. We raised \$100. We have the best Sunday School in Selma, Ala., a city of 25,000 population. Our church attendance has increased all the year. We have a good congregation each service. We have built a nice seven-room parsonage and have moved into it. We have money raised to paint it. One man came and built a flue and would not have pay for it.

We have a radio program every weekday, Monday through Saturday, from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. We have had a telephone put in the parsonage—1408-R. Brother Rasmussen bought a nice rug for the dining room; Sister Copeland gave a wool rug for the living room. Others have promised rugs. The Y.P.E. bought a nice heater for the parsonage. We have signed up for gas but do not suppose we will get it this winter.

I would like to say here, too, don't too many of you preachers feel led to come to Selma next year for I haven't moved yet. We have a fine superintendent, Brother T. L. Andress. He carries mail on two Star routes. He is a man who knows how to meet the public, so you can look for Selma Church of God to do our best for God. These are the best cooperative people to give their means to finance God's cause, or I will say they are as good as you will find anywhere. We have a fine band of people.—Clyde Helms, 1921 Small Ave.

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## THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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upon us, and we are to be witnesses to Him in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth. God not only charges us with His power but He gives us a charge to go into all the world with the gospel. After we are charged with His power, we can be classed as a "comforted people," for Christ said when He ascended into heaven that He would not leave us comfortless but would send the Holy Ghost to be our Comforter. Notice the Comforter was to come after Christ was crucified and after our conversion, not at conversion, as many people say they receive Him today. We find by God's Word that the Holy Ghost will teach us and instruct us in the way of the Lord. We are not only baptized with the Holy Ghost but with fire as told in Matt. 3:11. This fire burning in our souls causes us to go forth and do God's will and overcome the world, giving us power for service.

Finally, this life should be a "consecrated life." Consecrating or humbling ourselves (as we all know) to God and surrendering ourselves to Him to be used in any way He may choose. We must pray, be consecrated to Him before He can work His will in us. There is a great difference in being a consecrated Christian and just being a Christian. A Christian who is not consecrated lives most any way (so to speak), just so he gets by and escapes hell, but if we are not careful we won't escape hell living just any way. We find in Eph. 35:13 that we get humility by fasting and prayer, so we see it takes prayer to be humble. In 1 Peter 5:5 we find that we are clothed with humility. God also gives us grace as found in James 4:6. We must also be humble in heart to get a definite answer to prayer. When we were saved we had to humble ourselves before God. He says if we will humble ourselves and cry to Him, He will hear our prayer and heal our land. We need to consecrate our lives to Him and pray. As one great hero said, there are things wrought by prayer that this world does not dream of.

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women into service for Him as teachers, preachers, missionaries, Sunday School and church workers. God says if you will do what I want done, I will bless your efforts and give you souls for your labor here, and not only here but will give you a home in heaven when this life is over.

We know if we are faithful here, we will receive a crown at the end of this life, so this life is also a "crowned life." We know by James 1:12 that we shall receive a crown if we love Him. Rev. 2:10 says if we overcome, we shall be given a crown of life. It is not every one that says, Lord, Lord, who shall enter in, but those who are Christians and are faithful and overcome the world shall receive the crown of righteousness. In 2 Tim. 4:7, 8 Paul says, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." We see by Paul's writing that every one that loves Christ shall receive a crown but not to those who merely say with

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God help us all to walk in the light as He is in the light.

### WHAT EDITH LEARNED

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way. You will note also in this verse that the pronoun 'He' is used for the Comforter, showing Him to be a Person."

Edith's eyes sparkled with interest. "Mary, I wish you were my Sunday School teacher!" she exclaimed, earnestly. "You can make things so very plain. My own minister never explains these important truths in this way! How kind of the Lord to send that Comforter to help when He Himself isn't present! I had never thought of it in that way before."

Mary pressed the signal button to stop the bus. "Edith, my dear, here's my stop. But do come over to my house soon, and we'll talk further about these truths. Meantime, I hope—I shall be praying—that—"

"That I'll be 'born again'?" Edith said in a low, earnest tone. "Do, Mary! Please do! I want to love the Word—and to have that One alongside to help me!"

## TESTIMONIES

### SOLDIER'S TESTIMONY

Some Place in Germany  
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Psalms 107:8, "*Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*"

To all the folks in the good old U. S. A. and people everywhere: Bow before our great God, and praise Him for His great keeping power, goodness, and tender mercies. Oh, we have

a wonderful God to overshadow and keep us if we will only trust and serve Him. Folks, you who are in the U. S. A. should praise and serve God for sparing and keeping our country from being bombed and torn up by the enemy. If you could see some of this country over here, you then would praise God for His great power. How I do praise and thank Him for the way He has kept me since I have been overseas. He has been so good to me. I realize that without Him I can do nothing, but He said in His Word we can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens us. Praise His name! My desire is to love Him more and get closer to Him.

All children of God who read this, please pray that I will be filled with the Holy Ghost. I do want to please Him in all that I do. I want to live so I can say with one of the writers, when my heart is overwhelmed, "Hide me in a rock that is higher than I." Praise His dear name! Pray that I will stay hidden in the solid rock, Christ Jesus.

A brother in Christ from the far-flung battlefields of Germany.—Pfc. T. E. Green, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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There are many more things and scriptures that could be said and quoted about the Holy Ghost, but I want to say in conclusion, that the Holy Ghost is the legal representative of the Father and the Son, in the same manner as the Son was the legal representative of the Father. The Holy Ghost leads us into all truth; He guides us, teaches us, and brings all things to our remembrance that Jesus has said. You will have to admit that it is the Holy Ghost, and through Him that Jesus lives and operates in our hearts today.

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send another Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost fell on the day of Pentecost, to the Jews as a nation. In Acts 10 He came to the Gentiles. Read from the 7th verse of the 16th chapter of John and you will find what the mission of the Holy Ghost is. So it is the Holy Ghost who convicts, etc. We are still in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost. If anyone deliberately turns Him down and won't have Him, there will never be any other dispensation after the Holy Ghost dispensation, so if you sin against Him, won't have him, reject Him, turn Him down, there is not and never will be any forgiveness for you in this world, neither in the world to come.

God help us all to walk in the light as He is in the light.

## WHAT EDITH LEARNED

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way. You will note also in this verse that the pronoun 'He' is used for the Comforter, showing Him to be a Person."

Edith's eyes sparkled with interest. "Mary, I wish you were my Sunday School teacher!" she exclaimed, earnestly. "You can make things so very plain. My own minister never explains these important truths in this way! How kind of the Lord to send that Comforter to help when He Himself isn't present! I had never thought of it in that way before."

Mary pressed the signal button to stop the bus. "Edith, my dear, here's my stop. But do come over to my house soon, and we'll talk further about these truths. Meantime, I hope—I shall be praying—that—"

"That I'll be 'born again'?" Edith said in a low, earnest tone. "Do, Mary! Please do! I want to love the Word—and to have that One alongside to help me!"

## TESTIMONIES

### SOLDIER'S TESTIMONY

Some Place in Germany  
April 11, 1945.

Psalms 107:8, "*Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*"

To all the folks in the good old U. S. A. and people everywhere: Bow before our great God, and praise Him for His great keeping power, goodness, and tender mercies. Oh, we have

a wonderful God to overshadow and keep us if we will only trust and serve Him. Folks, you who are in the U. S. A. should praise and serve God for sparing and keeping our country from being bombed and torn up by the enemy. If you could see some of this country over here, you then would praise God for His great power. How I do praise and thank Him for the way He has kept me since I have been overseas. He has been so good to me. I realize that without Him I can do nothing, but He said in His Word we can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens us. Praise His name! My desire is to love Him more and get closer to Him.

All children of God who read this, please pray that I will be filled with the Holy Ghost. I do want to please Him in all that I do. I want to live so I can say with one of the writers, when my heart is overwhelmed, "Hide me in a rock that is higher than I." Praise His dear name! Pray that I will stay hidden in the solid rock, Christ Jesus.

A brother in Christ from the far-flung battlefields of Germany.—Pfc. T. E. Green, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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